IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter G. Klimko David P. Bingaman

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For: HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OCULAR NEOVASCULAR OR EDEMATOUS

DIORDERS AND DISEASES

Group Art Unit: 1618

Examiner: Z. Fay

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2439 US

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 15, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2007.

A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith with the requisite fee. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to withdraw any additional fees that may be due

from Alcon Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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